THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government has seen the news item which appeared in the Patriot dated 23-10-1988.

(b) A net-work of 4 reference and 40 surveillance centres where facilities fop testing for HIV antibodies are available, have been established. These centres undertake tests for detection of HIV infection.

Facilities and expertise for providing follow up case, counselling for seropositive individuals are being built up in the country.

Physicians have been trained in the management of AIDS patients.

In addition, the following stops have been taken by Government to prevent AIDS in the country:—

1. Restrictions have been imposed on import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate.

2. All the State Health Authori-ties/Hospitals STD clinics have been alerted to be vigilant.

3. All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

4. All the State Health Authorities have been advihed to ensure .strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use Pre- sterilised disposable syringes and needless as far as possible.

5. Guidelines have been sent to all the State Health Authorities for Health care personnel.

6. All the mass media channels have been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its nature, transmission and prevention.

7. *Foreigners*

1. New foreign students being admitted in any of the Indian Institutions are required to undergo AIDS test. Anybody found positive is repatriated to his country.

2. It has been decided to screen for AIDS the foreigners intending to stay for more than one year in India. Members of the diplomatic missions and foreign journalists ac credited to the PIB are exempted from the test at this stage. Any body found positive is to be repat riated to his country.

(c) Does not arise.

Death of people due to water borne diseases

1596. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 15 lakhs people die every year in India due to water borne diseases and if so, the b'reak-up of the same state-wise;

(b) what is the total number of villages where potable water is still not available; and

(c) whether Government would ensure drinking water availability for all the population by the year 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER 0F STATE IN « THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Among water borne diseases, only cholera is notifiable, so there is no estimate of neo-ple dying every year due to water borne diseases in the country. However, Central Bureau of Health Intel- . ligence compiles data on Cholera/ Gastroentritis/Enteric fever (Typhoid), Viral Hepatitis and Polio-myelitis on the basis of information received from the State Health Authorities from the medical institutions only. The statements I, II, III, IV & V show cases and deaths during 1987 and 1988 due to cholera, Gastro-entritis, En-ter'c fever (Typhoid) Viral Hepatitis and Poliomyelitis. [See Appendix CXLVIIT, Annexure No. 71].

(b) and (c) As per reports received so far, 84,700 problem villages fully and 50129 problem village partially

were covered during the first 3 years of the VII Plan. Action Plan for coverage of 32698 problem villages in 1988.89 is under implementation. It is proposed to cover all the problem villages by the Year 2000 A.D.

उत्तर प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के औषधालय

1587. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय उत्तर प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के कितने औषधालय कार्य कर रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या 1988-89 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ और नये औषधालय खोलने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस उद्देश्य के लिए किन-किन स्थानों का चयन किया गया है और उनके कब तक कार्य शुरू कर देने की सम्भावना है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे): (क) 27

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना लखनऊ में एक एलोपैथिक औषधालय को, जिसे 1988-1989 की वार्षिक योजना में शामिल किया गया है, उपयुक्त आवास के उपलब्ध होने पर खोल दिया जाएगा ।

Eye exercise machine in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi

1588. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state-.

(a) whethe'r it is a fact that there is only one eye exercise machine in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Deihi;

Ob) whether the number of patients who are required to use it is very large the'reby causing enormous difficulty to patients;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of machines as well as the number of doctors for the benefit of patients; -

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SA. ROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

Ob) No, sir. - 3261

(c) No, Sir. In Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on an average 15 patients require to use the machine for eye exercises and all of them are easily accommodated every day.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, on behalf of Shri B. K. Gadhvi I beg to lay on the Table, under section 41 of the Finance Act, 1979, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. No. 1056(E), dated the 3rd November, 1988, exempting H.E. Mikhail S-Gorbachev, Chairman of the Presi-dium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, Mrs. Raisa S. Gorbachevs and 400 members of the delegation on their visit to India from payment of Foreign travel tax leviable under sub-section (1) of section 35 of the said Act, in respect of their international journey to any place outside India at the end of the said visit, together with an explanatory memora-dum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT/6752/88]